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Assumption of Risk, Policy Adherence and Waiver of Liability Relating to Infectious Diseases

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, NVTRP **cannot guarantee** that our participants and volunteers will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending NVTRP activities could increase** your risk of contracting COVID-19. **Please be advised that there are inherent risks when participating in equine-assisted activities and therapies such as:**

- Leather equipment (such as reins and saddle) cannot be completely disinfected.
- Staff and volunteers often must be hands-on in assisting clients and will not be able to practice social distancing at all times.

There are also some issues that may INCREASE their inherent risk of infection such as:

- Underlying medical condition or age over 60.
- Struggles to maintain social distancing.
- Unable to comply with wearing a mask.
- Touches face/mouth frequently, drools.

By signing this agreement,

I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I (or my child if under 18) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending sessions at NVTRP and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at NVTRP may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, NVTRP employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. **(initial here)**

Please **initial next to each box** indicating your agreement with the following statements:

- I have read and agree to adhere to NVTRP's Procedures and Safety Precautions, including the new Sick Policy and Mitigation Measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- I understand that if I do not abide by NVTRP's Procedures and Safety Precautions, including the new Sick Policy and Mitigation Measures, NVTRP can deny participation.
- I have watched and will abide by the procedures demonstrated in NVTRP's COVID-19 Training Video.

Signature of Client/Volunteer or Guardian (if applicable)

Date

Print Name of Signature Above

Print Name of Client/Volunteer